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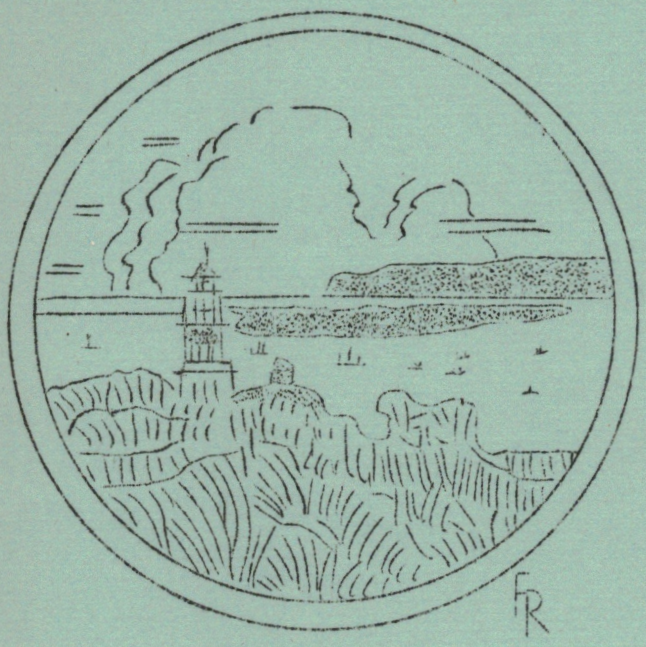

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Of Darkness, and Light, and the shape of things unborn!

Of conjecture, speculation, apprehension, fear and terror! And of hope, confidence, belief and faith. And of all the obscure roots and origins of these things.

Of the knowledge of Seers and Adepts - which, alas, we do not know how to distinguish from the supreme self-confidence of the self-deceived. Of the consolations of religion - for the religious; and of contempt for dogma and all theological constructions by those whose minds run contrarywise.

Of the shifting foundations and the flux of thought. Of speculative Science, which now dreams anew the old mystical intuitions of the East. Of its material triumphs, so greatly servient to the ends of destruction and of death. Of the mind of man, who can learn all things except how to serve his fellows - how to do as he would be done by.

Of the rise of the new knowledge (old as the race), which to six parts of the world is folly. Of voices from the invisible, and the thinning of the Veil betwixt the planes. Of those who reject the Voices, or are bewildered or terrified by them; and of those who are deluded and become lunatic, and of others who "try the spirits", and learn and profit and rejoice exceedingly.

And over all hangs the Future, that is to say, the consciousness and half-perception and dim intuition of it - a glowing cloud and pregnant with vast shapes - but whether of promise or destruction, who can say? Or, must it not be both - dark barren Mother, bright fertile Mother, the Binah of the ancient Qabalists?

Death, and rebirth! Death which is transmutation. The two go hand in hand thruout all Nature. For our time-consciousness, the gnat has its hour, and the solar system also, and the unfathomable galaxies of stars. At the end of epochs, cycles, millenia, periods of history, of the life of races, civilizations, planets, human beings, Death-the-Rebuilder puts forth more notably his hand. Men feel beforehand the breath of his Presence; there is a chill in the air of the autumn of the worlds. Autumn, and Winter - but the hounds of Spring are close upon its traces.

Of all these things which have been named, the poet-philosopher of our time (had one been brought forth) would be constrained to write. "Father-Mother spin a web" - and the strands of the Web are these. But would he have any new message, any strange bright revelation for the Hour? We do not think so. We think he would say only, 'Courage, and patience, and love ye one another.' Only 'desire truth and shun error - learn and unlearn, but unceasingly aspire.' There is a measure of Fate, but a measure of Freedom also.

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- Kareeta Business -

"Space-ship" Kareeta has come and gone, but is not yet, we are glad to say, wholly forgotten. The Editor's mail bag shows that Round Robin readers, at any rate, do not dismiss such happenings as trivial and fantastic. Unfortunately, it was a local affair, so to speak, confined to the San Diego area; the mysterious craft was not high enough, probably not large enough to be visible, say, from Los Angeles. People think such a craft should have been visible to the whole United States should collect a little data on the altitude and size which would be required.

And oddly enough, we have trouble getting folk to understand that this strange night visitor was not a "psychic phenomenon", or seen by clairvoyance, or connected with any mystical belief or hocus-pocus. It was simply a large flying craft of very strange construction, that could fly at enormous speed, or very slowly, or remain stationary. It had its own style of flight, too, and moved (sometimes) in long sweeping bird-like curves of much grace and beauty. No observer could identify it with anything seen before. But it was : completely objective, noticed always by accident (not by any "conditioned" observer), and no more a hallucination than moon, stars, meteorites, and the airliner that came in from the east on schedule.

And we'll repeat, ad nauseam, that this craft did not hover continually in front of the moon; it was seen in the zenith, and in the west, and at late hours of the night; our impression is, it spent most of the night cruising about in these parts. The "occult" and mystical angle of this business started, of course, when RR reported certain communications received clairaudiently and in trance, by an honorable and rarely gifted medium, well-known to this writer. But be it known, we don't accept everything we are told, from any source, even by newspapers, and we do not guarantee anything, whether from AP, UP, or Station Astral. We report what seems worth while reporting; we think the Kareeta was, is, and maybe will long continue to be news (of the new-age variety), and that since we have no other source of information at all, it may be worth while listening to what folk from the "other side" try to tell us.

We have never said that the Kareeta was a "space-ship"; the Communicators made that statement. We don't know what it was, and are trying to find out, and don't know how, and have listened to everybody and learned nothing... We probably could have collected hundreds of reports from this area, as easily as our forty-odd, but probably would not have learned anything more... And for all we know, there might have been two or three or a dozen Kareetas overhead...The literature on mysterious sky-visitors is extensive - and appalling; if you don't believe it, read Charles Fort, and forthcoming articles by Vincent Gaddis, and start collecting the data for yourself.

We do not know that the Kareeta is coming back, October 9, 1947, or any other time. The controls of Mark P., who have not so far deceived us, said only, "We understand it is the present intention of the Kareeta people to return in one year." If they do, it will truly be (as Max Freedom Long writes us) a man-bites-dog story - and if they don't, well, maybe one close-up look at this planet was all the K-people could stand. They are said to be very smart folk.

CONCERNING TALISMANS

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The basic rationale of the talisman is easily grasped and scientifically sound. Every object is radiactive in its own manner and degree, and all objects and persons continually interact. The fast developin science of radiesthesia gives abundant proof. A few persons are by nature sufficiently sensitive to bring this interaction thru into consciousness. A talisman is an object that has been purposefully charged by some human being, with specific types of energy.

Talismans are classified by Theosophical writers as (1) general (2) adapted (3) ensouled (4) linked. The general talisman has been cleared of any etheric matter or magnetism adhering to it, and then recharged with 'forces of good', or with vibration rates such as characterize qualities of strength, courage, patience and the like. These rates or frequencies can be imparted to an object just as naturally as magnetism is imparted to steel. The adapted talisman is one which meets some individual need, or situation or condition. The ensouled talisman sometimes contains a radiactive mineral, the emanations of which become charged with the character of the talismanic energy; in some cases it is adapted to the Nature Spirits and awakens their response. The linked talisman is an 'outpost of consciousness' for its maker, and maintains a rapport with him. An adequate summary of Theosophical instruction is to be found in Powell's work on the Etheric Double. §

The present writer has many inquiries concerning talismans, and the clearing or demagnetization of various objects, talismanic or otherwise. At lowest ebb such interest is little more than a superstitious concern with charms and lucky pieces, or their evil-working opposites; yet the talismans of Apollonius do not come in this category - nor the death-dealing stroke of the Ark of the Covenant. Dare, in his Indian Underworld, records instances of the deadly effect of certain 'charged' objects, the most amateur psychic sensitive can pick out the properly consecrated crucifix, and the whole vast subject of psychometry bears witness to the actuality of the facts. Their accumulation is so great, that denial can arise only from ignorance, and contempt as the unenvied prerogative of fools. But in what way does the talisman 'work', i.e., produce objective happenings, and also subtly strengthen or corrupt the mind? If the user of a talisman, or the victim of a talismanic attack knows of all that is occurring, and has belief or fear, suggestion must play a powerful role, and our modern wiseacres will allow for nothing more. In this way the amulet, the charm and the crucifix are effective. But we must reckon with the fact, that the range of sub-conscious knowledge may be very great, and also that telepathic sug-

§ Note: Powell, A.L. The Etheric Double, 1925, pp 113-119. See also v. Leadbeater, Hidden Side of Things, II, 212,213,215 et pas., and Inner Life, vol.I; Science of the Sacraments; Glimpses of Occultism - all passim.

gestion to the subconscious is continuously operative. Such are general occult accpetances.

Objects used for the establishment of rapport or the focusing of mental energies in psychic attack, are perhaps not to be called talismans in the narrower sense of the word, but it is clear that the same basic principles are involved. To make an effigy in clay or wax or other material, to stick pins into it, bury it or burn it slowly, is by no means the witless viciciousness commonly believed. Not, that is, if the attacker is strong and skilful; the effect is not directly upon the victim, but in strengthening the will and visualization of the magician, and in making his mind 'one-pointed.' But a charged object buried, say, beneath a threshold or on a frequented path, has an additional significance; it stores the force imparted to it, and also in some way increases it, by drawing upon a similar force in Nature; and this energy is again irradiated. The victim receives it, because he is its chosen channel, for which the force has been adapted by its originator. With this we come again to the 'true' talisman as generally understood.

The clearing of an object and its subsequent magnetization is rapid and easy for those instructed in such matters, and some occult - ists make a practise of so treating all objects which they receive, or give to other persons. It should be noted, that the natural and inherent vibratory rate of a substance is said not to be affected by demagnetization, but only the acquired magnetism or charge. Diseased tissue, for example, excised from a body, cannot be cleared of its own evil vibrations. We venture to add here, a fact apparently little known, and which may be too hastily denied. —It is reliably stated that an apparatus used by Abrams would react (click) if exposed, not only in proximity to diseased tissue, but at a spot where the tissue had formerly been placed, and then removed. If, now, the pole or poles of a magnet were passed over the point in question, the instrument would cease to respond. The indication is, that some center of magnetic or etheric stress was developed, and that this was wiped out by the impingement of of a magnetic field. Let us remember that the aura, according to Kilner, is also affected (distorted) by a magnetic field. The emanation, immediate field, or aura of a magnet is often visible clairvoyantly, as are also other effects which might be studied intnis connection. The electro-magnetic nature of a multitude of psycho-physical phenomena is constantly being verified. It is in view of this general back - ground of facts that we recommend the seemingly childish procedure of sweeping a suspected object with the pole(s) of a magnet. Secondhand books of magic, talismans : of unknown history, relics, weapons, and all objects having an unhealthy aura or psychic 'feel' may profitably be treated in this manner.

The exorcisms of the Roman Church, baptism, consecration, anointing and numerous other rites, all recognize the general magical principles of clearing and charging of objects and of various centers of the human body. No belief is more ancient, and its associations lead out in all directions.

A simple process with good tho limited effects, in case of a suspect object of small size, is to place the tips of the thumbs together, and the tips of the first fingers of each hand, and visualize strongly the film of etheric or auric matter which then forms a kind of disk

within the circle. Pass this disk downward, over and past the object, visualizing the clearing away of its magnetism; shake the hands free and repeat twice. Afterward, if desired, hold the palm of the right hand closely above the object and visualize the flow of your own magnetism upon it. It is well to remember (despite the smiles of 'common-sensible' folk) that every object handled by man, and especially books, food prepared with the hands, jewels, money (particularly bank notes) clothing, bedding, weapons, relics, woolen articles, religious articles, personal ornaments, letters, and photographs are bearers of a psychic infection,(§) which in our day of increasing sensitiveness has become a conscious reality to many. The data of psychometry bear abundant witness. For all sensitives the processes of neutralization have a most practical value. One may add, that the rapport between revenant spirits and objects familiar to them in life, is also well known in spiritualist circles. §§

Talismans offered for sale are worthless, yet they may contain the proper symbols, so that one can decharge and remagnetize them. The making of talismans for another person is dangerous, if an attempt is made thereby to affect the karma or life current. The attempt will usually fail, or will fail in large part, and will react on the maker. Only the Adept can do this safely. And even where the most simple and material affairs are concerned, forces are initiated or invoked in the life of another person, and responsibility for this cannot be evaded. But if you must make a talisman for another, take care to first clear clear your mind of all emotion toward him. Remember that a talisman contains an energy (a ray or vibration) from yourself as maker, plus an increment of like force from Nature. If now it should chance that these energies are broken down by opposing forces, then they will flow along these connecting links and so fall upon you.

The usual means of attracting and concentrating power is thru ritual, hence talismans are frequently charged by that method. Their forms are legion and their potency infinitely varied. The consecration of a Cross or Crucifix by ritual, as in the Catholic and Episcopalian Churches, does not differ in essential nature from the charging of a talisman, so long as the priest desires to act only as a means and channel of Grace. It is quite practicable to make and charge a talisman for yourself, without special magical knowledge. First form a clear idea of your intention, and of the nature of the Force to be invoked, and employ some form of banishment to clear the place of working, and then by earnest and appropriate prayer, and with strong visualization, invoke the desired Powers into the talisman and its symbols.

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§ Many amateur occultists, whose paths are not always those of peace, seem to learn this the hard way. We recall a quarrelsome woman occultist, who would have refused a lock of hair or a photograph, yet wrote a a note in her own hand, and moistened stamp and flap in the usual manner, whereby an unscrupulous enemy might have made her very uncomfortable indeed... §§ "Keep that clock! I can always come to you in its vibrations". (A materialized spirit, in presence of this writer).

§§§ Consult the 4th vol. of The Golden Dawn, pp 51,74, et pas. (Israel Regardie; Aries Press, Chicago, 1940),for talismans and related subjects; also Leadbeater, as heretofore noted.

Proceedings of the Atlantean Club

(An excerpt from the records)

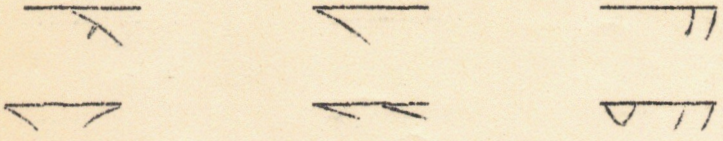
(The Atlantean Club is a private group of investigators, who have met regularly in Pasadena or vicinity for many years. Its members are men of recognized standing in their various professions).

Dec.9, 1930:

On this date our observers visited an extensive habitation, hewn from rock. These lofts or galleries extended for a long distance along the face of a cliff, near the sea, and at least six different levels were clearly distinguishable.

"The sixth level is given over to workshops - in one of the rooms a man is at work engraving a tablet. These stone tablets, which constituted the books of the period, are about 3/8 to 1/2 in. in thickness. The stone is of a very fine, smooth grain, not very hard, and is apparently cut to size and thickness with a wire saw. The engraver is a man well on in years, very dark skinned. He wears a pair of skin-tight trunks of a gray-green material, and a sort of skirt or kilt. The stone on which he is working is soft enough so that he can grave it without a mallet. The characters somewhat resemble the cuneiform, and the language is, of course, the old Atlantean tongue."

(Herewith follow copies of as many different characters as the Observers were able to reproduce for the record. We have no clue to the phonetic values or to the symbolic equivalents of any of these characters. Conceive of yourself watching a stone cutter carving an inscription, in a tongue where both the words and letters are unfamiliar to you - and without any comment or explanation - and the situation of the Observer will be more clear. (Note to Ed.)



(This "twig" or "vine" script appeared in Yucatan, where the investigators succeeded in gaining further information. The record of Proceedings for May 12,1931 continues the theme and is prefaced by the following note to the Editor:

"Many centuries prior to the Toltec invasion, colonies from Atlantis were established at numerous points in the area from southern Mexico to Peru; and some of these foundations endured long enough so that derivative languages grew out of the parent Atlantean, much as the Romance languages grew out of Latin. Strong colonies from Atlantis were founded in the territory that later became the Mayan Empire, and among these a language developed that was called Ahuitlan."

(Con.

(Communicator):

The ancient peoples of Yucatan had a script, worked out from conventionalized vine forms, twigs, tendrils, and fruit. In Ahuitla (the ancient name of Yucatan) there are places where glyphus appear among the ornamentation of gates and cinerary tombs. The following characters are copied from inscriptions on pillars that marked the gateway of a temple, now in ruins.

The letters are developed from conventionalized vine and tendril forms; and like the pre-Chaldean writing we were discussing at our last meeting, the line of script looks more like ornamental design than characters with a significance. The Ahuitlan script ran from left to right, whereas the pre-Chaldean ran from right to left.

In each character appears the characteristic heavy dash (the twig) and the phonetic value of the character is shown by the tendril form appended to the dash. I get the following characters:

Broad A; the only vowel sound which has a separate character of its own. The other vowels were indicated by a small circle (the berry of the vine) annexed to the nearest consonant, in the manner here indicated:

B, V or W.

K, C hard, or hard G

the aspirate, H.

J, or soft G. Also used for several consonant combination for which we have no equivalent.

the sound "shla"

the sibilant S, prolonged like ss in <u>possession</u>.

a lisped sound, between a dental and a liquid, value of <u>thla</u>.

a mute dental, with value of T or D in written script, but not representing any vocalized sound.

the sound of <u>mui</u> or <u>whee</u>

a softened Z with sound value of <u>zhwa</u>. (Vowels other than A were shown by a small circle about the size of the symbol used by us for "degrees"; sound values were shown by varying its position).

long E. Circle at top and to right of consonant. "BEE"

long O, at left of consonant. O prolonged, as in <u>bold</u>.

O short, or short U. Vowel half-way down the stroke, on the left, within a crotch. _____ on rt.= a semivowel <u>zhwa</u>.

Attorney William G.Kandall, of Pasadena, to whom we are indebted for the very interesting Atlantean material just preceding, also writes RR concerning his recent examination of certain automatic scripts. The automatist in this case is a woman of culture and excellent social position, whose writings have so far been known to very few persons; attorney Randall is much impressed by their lucidity, coherence, and general character:

> "I think autoscript" (Mr.Randall writes) "is peculiarly open to the dangers of subconscious coloring, and where alleged facts are unfamiliar in type they should be received with caution. Yet the need for such caution grows less rather than more, since a structure of quasi-established fact is being built up, which is self-consistent and makes room for further data of a related sort. This is the familiar lawyers' "measure of adequate proof". These communicators are unhesitating in their forecast, that the present state of apparent chaos in the world is not the first stage of doom for the human race, but is the forerunner of a new civil order, founded in justice and mutual consideration, that will result in a world state immeasureably superior to anything the human race has known."

This is the general character of recent automatic scripts, according to attorney Randall, and it accords with our own rather scanty information along the same line. We quote it, partly because it is in striking contrast with such predictions as those quoted on page 22 of this issue. As to seance information, the most intelligent communicators whom this writer has questioned, either say flatly that they do not know of any impending disaster - or (some times) that they will not tell us about the future - or that their knowledge is uncertain and not much more dependable than ours, on this point. Correct foreknowledge almost certainly exists, among the highly evolved personalities; our great and almost impossible problem is to distinguish the wise and true, from the erroneous or deliberately deceitful. For the masses of us, prophecy is confirmed (or negated) only in the event. The true prophet bears no holy stigmata; his accents have no more nor less conviction than those of pretenders and the self-deceived. No doubt this is the best for us; but it is equally certain we are not satisfied with it, but will go on questioning the future, and accepting those replies which we secretly desire.

We recommend as of special interest, and not unrelated to the above, the following:

Religion Versus Creed, a 24 page pamphlet by F.G.Hehr, Weaver Pub. Co., Santa Monica, Calif. On request (at least, no price given).

Notes on the Place of Atlantis in World Evolution, Charles J.Ryan, M.A. Theosophical University Studies, No. Five. Address the University, at Covina, Calif. (No price noted in this 6 x 9 booklet).

Proceedings of the Society for Psychical Research (English). List of contents of Vols. I.-XLVII, 1882-1945, with prices of parts of ea, vol. 31 Tavistock Sq., Lon.W.C.1, or F.W.Faxon, 83 Francis St., Boston, Mass, Agt. for sale of publications in America.

Future of Psychical research

W.H.Sutherland, in October Light, has an article on this subject, begins by saying that orthodox Christianity contains lofty ideals but is powerless to put them into effect; its weakness is the failure of its priests to lay proper emphasis on the reality of survival...Our only hope lies in an alliance between faith and the knowledge of modern science. Science must do what the Church has refused to do - take the lead in psychical research. And here are some special suggestions:

(a) Geley has shown that the nerve shock to the medium from a flash of white light on extruded ectoplasm is proportional to its duration and not to its intensity. If this is true, we can develop seance photography by intense flashes of infinitesimal duration, by condenser discharges thru a fluorescent tube, as in recent photography technique.

(b) A recently developed German system gives good vision by infrared light; this invisible light comes out as a black and white image on a cathode ray screen - which might be coupled to a cine-camera.

(c) Music is of great assistance in seance work, but seems to depend simply on raising the sound level of the room. A supersonic sound instrument (inaudible to sitters) should be developed quite easily.

(d) It should be possible to trace the course of the ectoplasm beneath the surface of the body, by use of the electrocardiograph.

The objective of all these is to get better control over the conditions for physical manifestations, so that the latter may be facilitated and improved - which would lead to an improvement in various forms of communication also.

The SPR sums up results.

After 64 years of research, the (English) Society for Psychical Research has at last issued a short, semi-popular summary of its findings; and the Editor of Prediction, in his November issue, has summed up the summary. This last will now be summarized, in part at least, by Round Robin, so that all you get is a triple distilled quintessence of the 33rd trituration, so to speak, or pinch of dust from a dry bone that was only one-tenth alive in the first place.

(1) Telepathy: The accumulation of literature, records, and painstaking experiment on this subject is appalling. The word was invented by Myers, by the way (and for heaven's sake, let's all drop the word mental from in front of it; there isn't any other kind of telepathy!). The Summary refers particularly to the work of Rhine, Tyrrell, Carington, and Soal, and says (a) The spontaneous evidence for T is strong; no one has ever shown that any combination of normal hypotheses provides a reasonable explanation" (b) Concerning evidence for T from mediumistic trance and automatic writing "Mediums do acquire knowledge which they have no normal means of possessing." And concerning experimental evidence (c) "Telepathy has now been completely demonstrated by direct experiment," - in addition to 50 years of observations.

O brave new world!

Clairvoyance: This word has now gotten so hopelessly involved with telepathy and precognition, that the Society will admit nothing whatever - except that the phenomena commonly called clairvoyance indubitably exist - which is all we really want to know, anyhow, and which nine-tenths of humanity believe in, even if

the SPR should try to tut-tut it to death.

Concerning foreknowledge (precognition), the Society is certain that this phenomenon occurs, tho its nature remains unknown. So say we all of us!

As to survival, the SPR says "most probable" - or, that's the way we read the following verbal footwork: "If this view (of a surviving consciousness) be rejected, we are compelled to make the most astonishing assumptions aboutthe scope of telepathy between the living, and to credit the subliminal self with almost incredible powers of dramatization... Either telepathy on an uncontemplated scale, along with something that can create pseudo-personalities with a breath-taking subtlety; or else the dead can communicate with the living."

Exactly! Precisely! Neatly' Unequivocally: This, dear reader, is the dilemma with only one horn, with which spiritism and spiritualism confronts and confounds every honest adversary. The alleged argument which T.J.Hudson jeered at, with much show of good reason ("If it isn't a spirit, what is it? We don't know, therefore it must be a spirit") has at length become invincible. There are thousands of private circles, every night in the week, year in and year out, at which phenomena occur, and reoccur a thousand times, for which there is no alternative explanation than the spiritistic one. Delusion, fanaticism, hocus-pocus? Of course, and in plenty, but in the vernacular, So What? What else would you expect of your fellow man? But that doesn't touch the main issue at all. The only way in which the spiritistic hypothesis can now be undermined is by a workable alternative, and human engenuity has been exhausted trying to discover one. This is not propaganda for spiritualism as a cult; it is a plain statement of facts, and these facts take a deal of knowing, reading, observation. Whether you and I like the situation, matters not one whit. The key to the future of our culture, our civilization, lies in the doctrine (and fact) of survival and communication, and it happens that the spiritualists, along with many esotericists, have gotten a good grip on this key and are desperately trying to open the door for the rest of us. They deserve intelligent cooperation, far less ignorant opposition and abuse.

With regard to physical phenomena, the SPR, curiously enough, refuses to do more than "ask for the retention of an open mind." That's because some naughty-naughty "mediums" kick table legs and tie strings to trumpets... and because half their customers are eager to be gulled. But it's remarkable, to say the least, that 64 years of research and (say) a hundred thousand pages of testimony has gotten no forwarder than this. A single good daylight seance ought to settle the matter.

Well, there are grants, studentships and the like at Cambridge and Oxford, and Duke and Harvard,and Stanford and California, and a half dozen universities on the European continent. And the SPR Presidents include men like Rayleigh, Broad,Lodge,Prince, Han Driesch, W. McDougall, L.P.Jacks, Gilbert Murray, Schiller, Bergson,Andrew Lang, Balfour, Richet, Barrett, Crookes, William James, Sidgwick, and Stewart. We leave out all the degrees and titles of these gentlemen,or we would never get their names on this page. And it would be quite easy to fill this page and several others with equally distinguished names - [illegible]

SIDE-LIGHTS ON THE HUNA

(Comments by Max Freedom Long, F.H.F.) §

" I gathered asscientific a group as I could find in reach, and watched a fire-eater in Honolulu do his work. He let a welding torch play its steep-cutting flame on his teeth, tongue, and throat, repeatedly, and with us within arm's reach doing our suspicious investigating. He did other less spectacular work. In private he explained as well as he could the nature of the psychic element involved in his performance. Please note (a) there was no 'insulating ash' on the flame of the welding torch. (b) There was no 'too short contact to burn' element in his demonstration (nor when he chewed up live coals and held red-hot iron bars in his teeth and bent them. And (c) he gave a very definite account of the occult or psychic power and the special state of mind required for such demonstrations."

"If I were financially able I would publish a book so dry it would stick in the throats of all the suspicious ones. In it I would make the most god-awful detailed and tiresome explanations of how the Kahunas thought and believed, as exhibited through (a) the names they gave things, and (b) the things they did... If ever a word gave a magnifi - cent and detailed description of the subconscious entity, the Hawaiian word <u>unihipili</u> does, in its several overlapping roots. (As to the Missionary translation) the missionaries did their work some fifty years before the birth of modern psychology; I rise to ask how in the name of a name their translation could be full or correct ... (As to <u>mana-mana</u>) the dictionary translates as "to branch out or spread, as limbs of a tree, or as fingers, to be divided." This is a symbol meaning, the like of which fills the language, and certainly indicates a stronger variety of mana, and a dividing of the basic mana to "branch out", so that the middle and High entities can have and use the basic mana supply."

"It is bitterly and painfully true, that in order to get to the secret that the confounded Kahunas kept so somberly, one can now do nothing better than pry into the meanings of their words. In doing this, not knowing what to look for, one is forced to make guesses and stretch meanings. These battered items make the forest which cannot be seen because of the trees, and make a tangle which is marked with apparently significant sign-posts - but beneath which the paths cross, running in all directions. If glib critics would bestir their lazy selves and assist in exploring this new field, they might help.

"I can take, and welcome, criticisms, objections, and flat contradictions from men who are qualified to work in this field, and with its incomplete and brittle materials, but heaven save us from the pupils

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§ These paragraphs have been selected by the Editor from Mr. Long's highly instructive correspondence, by permission, but Mr. Long is not responsible for the choice and sequence of the material.

of our modern university professors, who seem to have learned the patter of psychology, and nothing of what should lie behind the one startling phenomenon of human consciousness.

"One cannot stop every whipstitch in writing on this subject, and say "This is the best I can do on this point at present, and I may be wrong." It would seem that the Kahunas, in the dim past, when making their language fit the concepts of their SECRET, were aware that there were endless things which they had not yet understood fully. They couldn't have known modern mechanics, physiology, or electricity. So, what do we find? Only indicators of what they guessed or suspected. But the important point at present is that they came to know enough of the mighty mystery of things to be able to evolve a system that worked.

"If one insists on a Kahuna definition of the "i" or"I" or "I", let us recall that there are three of these entities under discussion in Huna when one says man - and the High I is a sex duad, and the middle I may be on the way to something of that kind.

"What if the Kahunas didn't define the pure quill of consciousness if and when it could be isolated from tenuous matter and basic vital force? Didn't they have a sufficiently workable knowledge of consciousness to enable them to fire-walk as no modern savant could do?

"My understanding of Huna seems to indicate a three-ply training. We should take the low self in hand and train it to stand up from all fours, and to react like a tame animal instead of the wild one. But we would reward it with its due ration of sensory pleasures. The mental self of the middle ward we would teach to use its will and mental abilities, standing slightly clear of the low self and its emotional monkey-wrench throwing. We would teach it, in advanced training, to try to imagine for moments at a time, that it is aspiring to try to live and be and act as it will one day do when it graduates to a High-Selfhood. The Three Justices would be observed, the Three Moralities, and the three needful ambitions or objectives. Modern occult and New Thought training in this category tries to bunch the three selves and teach them all the same advanced lessons - which is the wrong approach, patently.

"This reminds me that the Bhagavad is the most interesting exhibit in this corner of the field. In the Judge translation, Ch.1 p.5; "Now, O Krishna, I have beheld my kindred thus standing anxious for the fight, my members fail me... When I have destroyed my kindred shall I look longer for happiness?".. This would well fit the man about to take the low self into the wood shed for a little drastic paddle instruction. "What if they whose minds are depraved by the lust of power, see no sin in the extirpation of their race..." and so on - which fits the animal self of man neatly as a low justice description.

"On page 9 we read "Abandon, O tormentor of thy foes, this despicable weakness of thy heart" (low self?) "and stand up!" This business of "stand up" is found in the Kahuna prayers as a symbol of great significance (if I guess rightly). Their formula for the beginning of a work of magic was Ekise. Rise to a sitting (or kneeling) position. Rise to your feet. Stand in an even rank." This symbol of rising from the animal crouch, and by three stages, gives the picture that is "worth

a thousand words" of the processes of growth, thru the three self-conditions, to the grade of the High Self. In a work of magic the rising is to the contact with the High Self, and an alignment in "even rows" of the three selves, so that the work that has to be done thru the mechanism of the dense low astral and cord and low mana, can be successfully accomplished.

(Esoteric Qabalists, Theosophists, and Rosicrucians alike should find these concepts of the Huna completely intelligible and acceptable, tho of course with variations of terminology and detail. A magical operation consists in "drawing power down the planes;" the mind-body complex of the magician is the channel of manifestation; this channel has to be cleared - that is, the subconsciousness has to be drained of its complexes of moral guilt. Whether this guilt is 'real' or imaginary makes no difference, so long as the subconsciousness (low self) believes in it. The basic values in the Christian doctrines of prayer and repentance are easily discerned here also, tho' tho western theology has so hopelessly befogged the concepts that people of intelligence can make little use of them... We cannot repeat this point of view too often, for people who persist in inquiring why we "want to start a new religion?" The "new" element in Huna is simply a new clarity, a return to basic simplicities, to workable psychological concepts and a true and practicable magic for the needs of the common man. Ed.)

The famous stanza on page 18, "A man is said to be confirmed in spiritual knowledge when he forsaketh every desire that entereth into his heart, and is happy and content with the Self thru the Self", etc., is easily translated into Huna terms as the course of study for the middle entity, thru which it can be trained to see the difference between the desires of the instinct-guided animal man (the low self) and its own rather colorless self. The middle self is a poor fish in the measure of the red-blooded low self. Its loves and even its hates are transparent and carry no weight. The best thing it does, aside from exerting its will to half-boss the low self, is to whimper and keep up a constant state of discontent with conditions as they are. The low self, if let alone, would be content to lie down and chew its cud after a full mean, but the middle self is like a nagging fish-wife in never being contented. It lives in the future as if by force of habit; its nature is to reason ahead and depict a better state for itself and for the low self whose pleasures it shares. However, there is a rare joy attained now and then, when the low self and the future are alike forgotten, and the moment filled with contemplation of the state we suppose related to the High Self. Or is it a momentary contact with the high self and its higher state in which it has reached shining contentment? Can it be that it is this high state for which we unreasoningly yearn, day and night? Is it this we want, and is it nothing less than that utter union of selves, male-female, which our love-gnawings indicate as the goal. "I am the beginning, the middle and the end" says Krishna. Is it only the end state which will give the middle self its complete satisfaction?.... Yes, some day I must do an article perhaps captioned "What the Devil is it We Want, Anyway?", or perhaps "What the Devil does Which Entity want of Whom?"

- NOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS -

From a Friend of Round Robin)

Dear Frater: I'm not sure whether the following will be of interest to your readers, but I send it along anyway. A friend of mine, recently discharged from the army, tells me that when he was in Pearl Harbor, at the time of the Japanese attack, he and his company received instruction in a form of Kundalini yoga. The teacher was either a Korean or a Japanese. The men were taught to concentrate on the Muladhara or sacral plexus, and to draw the Kundalini up the spine and let it down again (I can't remember how high it was to be drawn). The alleged purpose was, to increase the strength and vigor of the body, and he "certainly felt something after a little practise." But the most important order was, that the operation was to be performed three times, neither less nor more - or serious consequences would follow... It is interesting that this is being done as an official part of army training. "

(We invite our readers' attention to the words neither less in the above paragraph. The nor more is intelligible, but why 'no less"? Will some student of Yoga clear this point?)

" I think I told you of the Japanese trained ascetics who clairvoyantly watched the Russian fleet on its way, in the Russo-Japanese war forty years ago; they knew all that the Russians were doing, and were able to surprise the fleet and destroy it. This I heard from Professor S. (F.T.S.), who had held a professorship at the Japanese Imperial Naval College. It was he who walked the fire walk at Tokyo, and he knew a great deal about Japanese life and their occultism....

"Have you read Indian Underworld, by M.Paul Dare? (Dutton & Co., 1940)... It is a curious and instructive work showing how terribly the great forces of nature, locked up in man, can be abused... In one place he points out how the black magicians of India injure and even kill their victims by laying on the ground pieces of magnetized rag which give a tremendous shock when touched... This is one of the methods used by the Dark Lodge in Tibet, to injure or destroy the chelas of the White Masters. In 'The Mahatma Letters to A.P.Sinnett" pp 369 and 446, and in the "Letters of H.P.Blavatsky to A.P.Sinnett", p.12, a very nearly fatal adventure is described which happened to one of the high chelas who was spiritually off-guard for a moment."

(We recommend Indian Underworld; it is competent and factual, contains many first-hand experiences with Indian occultism).

From Mrs.M.J.H.
Virginia.

About this Kareeta, do you think it could have been a radar-control pilotless ship? I asked an astrologer friend about the date (9th of Oct.9) and he said it was a pyramid date, a terminal date... The Tarot cards turned out pretty accurate; they didn't have a third test at Bikini, and I learn indirectly from a man present at the tests that the force did go down to the

ocean floor." M.J.H. also sends clips re the Bat Bomb tests of Oct. 16 off the N.C. coast. The Bat is a 12 ft. weapon with a wing spread o of 10 ft. and twin tails; its nose is filled with revolving radar gear that searches for the target, and its flight is corrected by a multitude of tiny gyros that operate elevators. It was released from a patrol bomber at 5500 ft. some five miles from the target, plunged thru a solid overcast and struck the target ship squarely on the bow...Going back to the Bikini tests, Vincent Gaddis remarks

> "I suppose you caught the atomic bomb "concealed information" item in Drew Pearson's column of Oct.2nd last. It backs up Walter Graham's opinions.."

Now, on August 5 last, physicist Graham called our attention to certain data about latent effects of the bomb tests, that the wave motion was an earth core motion, not a lateral surface wave motion. "The downward thrust was tremendous, directing a new type of wave motion concentrated toward the earth core, which produced, slowly, a reflected wave motion resulting in a terrific pounding of the coast of Chili." Then in the April issue of American Scientist there is a lengthy article "Earth Motion from the Atomic Bomb Test", by Dr.L.Don Leet of Harvard, which contains data and charts proving that new wave motions, previously unknown, were produced by the tests in New Mexico where the bomb center was 100 ft. above the ground.

> "No ordinary channels were permitted to release this censored information. And scientists reliably report to me that there was an earthquake recorded in the U.S. from the second test at Bikini, but military censorship suppressed this information." (W.G.)

We point out that Mr.Graham's predictions relative to the 2nd test were based on the official announcement that that a bomb four times more powerful was to be used, and at open sea - neither of which conditions was met. Evidence continues to sift through from many quarters that the basic reasoning of physicist Graham was essentially correct, that only a modification of the plans prevented a disaster, and that there are many alarming facts not yet publicly known.

Round Robin supported physicist Graham throughout the controversy preceding the Bikini tests, and drew attention to the fact that many other scientists were also alarmed over the possibilities; but he was almost alone in making public opposition to this foolhardy experiment. We admire his courage and feel that his scientific views are being justified.

Mrs.G.B.L. Littleton, Colo.

Dr.Doreal, Shamballa Ashrama, his colony, his throne, his temple bells are getting much publicity of late. The Rocky Mt.News, for one, gives them most of a page in two successive issues, and Mrs.G.B.L. sends us the clips. It's in a valley near Sedalia, "surrounded by mountains containing vast lead deposits, which ward off atomic radiation" that his 600 followers are building a city of refuge against the coming days of atomic war. Comment? No comment: But maybe we'll move to Colorado.

"R.G" and the Kareeta affair

RR friend R.G. writes us, he wonders what his results would be, if he put an ad.in the paper asking people who saw something unusual in the sky, any night, to write to him; goes on to speak of the "complete variance" of those who saw anything more than a bat-like object, and of "lack of agreement as to distribution of lights on the object; then winds up by saying that 'probably a space ship actually did appear..."

When one assumes there may have been a high-flying craft of unusual design, travelling at varying speeds, very fast, slow, or stationary, seen from points 10 to 15 miles apart, from all angles, noted casually or carefully, under varying local conditions of light, the craft itself being turned at all angles to the observer, maybe obscuring its own lights temporarily, maybe altering them - on just how many points could close agreement be logically expected? We think the agreement on the central fact of some strange craft overhead is all that can be expected, and very striking - and also that R.G. is talking nonsense - or throwing out the baby along with the bath water... But since he then says 'probably a space ship did appear' we'll forgive him. That's more than RR has said at any time - tho we have quoted other people who held that opinion.

Mr Johns, Dr.Niemand, et cet.

Comes also V.O.J, a clever lady, writing that Mr.E. Johns, lately lecturing before the CSPR in San Francisco, seems absolutely sincere, "completely convinced that he has talked with both discarnate humans and nature spirits. Mr.Johns is the radio engineer who wrote a most astonishing letter to Amazing Stories magazine, about weird doings in Mendocino County. But so far there's no check-up - and we hear from RR friend W.C.B. that Mr. Johns has washed his hands of the whole matter, on the ground that 'the Forces do not want to be annoyed & claim the territory up there is theirs."... Well, the RR Editor knows, along with a million or so other folk, that there is much strange business afoot, in the environs of our daily grind and gabble; nevertheless the upshot of this Johns letter is typical of everything so far connected with the "Shaver mystery"- that is to say, no upshot at all, except a notable increase in the circulation of the A.S. magazine... Returning to V.O.J., it seems she attended a lecture by Dr.Frederick G. Niemand, well-known psychiatrist. During the subsequent discussion, some one said there was "no proof of survival", to which our correspondent replied, "Sir Oliver Lodge, for one, thought there was." Then psychiatrist Niemand made his contribution, "I don't think much of Sir Oliver's mental capacity." And, says V.O.J., "he had just got thru telling us that we must face any and every fact, no matter how distasteful, and try to get to the bottom of it." One comment is, that most psychiatrists have much to learn and unlearn, including respect for hundreds of names of brilliant investigators in metapsychological studies - and one moral is, if ever you begin to hear voices or see a ghostie occasionally, don't tell a psychiatrist about it, or the average M.D. either. There's precious small chance of your "losing your mind" unless or until one of these twain gets hold of you.

"I wonder just what kind of a blow it will take to wake these people up" writes V.O.J. So says this Editor, too, along with a million or so other uneasy people.

- Down Poppycock Alley -

Science Illustrated for November prints a kind of exposè of spiritism, under the title "Can We Communicate with the Dead", by one Helen Riesenfeld, and some of our readers want us to "reply" to it. The real exposè, as usual, is of the incredible ignorance of the author, and editor of the S.I. magazine. There's a kind of theory, among psychic research men and well-informed spiritists, that all such articles, under their many titles, are written by the same person, probably by some badly retarded high school freshman; all of them could be answered at once, and have been answered hundreds of times, and it's a waste of time and effort to thresh the old straw over again - however-

If this "Science" Illustrated really wants to say something intelligent on this subject, why not reprint at least a summary of the recent report of the (English) Society for Psychical Research; there are 67 years of research back of their pronouncements, and the presidency has been held by a score of distinguished scholars. This issue of Round Robin contains a still more brief resumè of the SPR findings, and we refer our inquirers to it. That would at least be a public service, in lieu of the stereotyped poppycockiana of the H.R. article.

"The fact is" writes Helen-the-Authority, "that without special props, darkness, and carefully induced group hysteria among the auditors, 'mediums are powerless." (Yes, yes, Helen! We know there are frauds and fools and hysterics in spiritualism and everywhere else. But this writer has been studying mediumistic doings for some 25 years, and literally thousands of well known menhave done likewise, throughout the world, and we do not believe there is a single one of them who dream of uttering such an asininity as we have just quoted. There are probably ten thousand books on this subject, and several hundred which should be read. Why not read one, some time?)

"Not one (medium) has ever convinced a responsible committee of scientists that he can produce supernatural effects." (All facts, all real effects are natural, being part of nature, tho some may be called supernormal. The situation is, of course, that thousands of competent observers, with scientific or technical training, have admitted and carefully studied psychic and mediumistic phenomena of a supernormal order. But, if they have to be on a committee, both the SPR and the ASPR do their work thru committees, of scientifically trained personnel, and only the most blatent prejudice could lump them all as irresponsible).

"Not one has ever claimed the $10,000 Dunninger prize, for any effect that he cannot reproduce by sleight of hand.." Old stuff and very shoddy indeed. The trick, of course, lies in the omitted words 'under the same conditions'. Any competent stage magician can reproduce any given effect, if allowed his own conditions, stage set-up and apparatus. Every psychic investigator has seen scores of phenomena that could not be produced fraudulently, under identical conditions - and nearly all honest 'magicians' admit it - as some of the most distinguished of them have done in the past. This is a familiar matter of record - tho obviously unknown to H.R. and the sapient editor that permitted this nonsense to be printed.

For the information of these two, the President of the ASPR is

Dr.George H.Hyslop, the First Vice-President is Dr.Gardner Murphy. these with other distinguished officers are listed in the quarterly ASPR Journal - where one does not find Mr.Joseph Dunninger in any capacity whatsoever.

Well, we learn from Helen-the-Hopeless that rappings are produced by rods and weights and buzzers and toe-joints (and so they have been!) and levitation by clever hand-foot-and-leg work, or long thin rods; and spirit voices are "simulated by trumpets"; and spirit writing by chalk on a wire "thrust between closely bound slates" (she actually says that!); and ectoplasm is produced by smoke, or "regurgitation of yards of thin cloth" - and materialization "usually turns out to be the medium himself. And then (says 'Science" Illustrated and H.H.) there's hysteria, and automatism and other psychological abnormalities. Of course when it comes to ESP and PK effects, the psychologists seem to have something a bit unusual (even this impossible farrago admits that much) - but "There's no scientific evidence that communication with the dead is possible - in fact, the evidence is against it."

It seems to us that what Hopeless Helen and the Editor of "Science" Illustrated" require is "not an answer but an education!"

We could fill this page and another one with the names of men of distinction in all the sciences who have studied the matter in question. Naturally, not all of them became spiritualists over night. But certainly 90 per cent of them accepted the genuineness (=objective validity and supernormal character) of some considerable part of the phenomena studied. In Carrington's Story of Psychic Science, or Dr. Nandor Fodor's Encyclopedia one can find their names by the hundreds. It is almost an axiom among investigators, that "the debate over the actuality of phenomena has closed." A score of universities thruout the world have endowments, scholarships, chairs, foundations in psychic research and parapsychology. This interest grows and rises on every side - most strange, if the weight of evidence is "all against it," i.e., against communication with the dead. Because this theory (and fact) of communication is bound up inextricably with all paranormal investigation, and offers the only present explanation of an immense mass of the phenomena. The SPR admits this flatly, and every honest and thorough student of such problems...

But the more we think about the incredible silliness of this S.I. article, the more we regret writing this one. Because, we begin to think we are having a leg pulled. Because it can't be serious - it just can't! It's a take-off or rake-off or something - certainly nothing honest or sensible or half-way informed about anything, or above the level of half-wittedness in any respect. And why in the name of all the gods of Blatt one should pay any attention to it at all-...

And yet we do know - and so do millions of spiritualists everywhere. It's because this business of spirit communication, here treated with such ignorant derision, is profound and vital truth, urgent, imperative, close to the hearts and needs of humanity. Because the religion and science of the future are bound up with it. We do not condone the faults of spiritualism, but we say that its basic truths are world business, humanity's business, a deathless and crucial issue. Shall we come, some time, to the end of this vicious obscurantism, find understanding and cooperation instead in the field of journalism?

New crackling of thorns -

About that radio program of Nov.3, "Exploring the Unknown" - it was the familiar yarn of the rich widow, the rascally medium, the wise and brave M.D. (or psychiatrist, was he?), and the triumph of rightousness in the person of the last, with the courageous help of the police. Everything we said with reference to the S.I.magazine article (pp.18,19) applies here, including the timid suggestion that Earnest Inquirer skim over our synopsis of the SPR reports (pp.10,11).

We note one encouraging fact, however, even in such ignorant and vicious drivel as this radio broadcast; the rising tide of spiritism has forced the enemy into new tactics, so that they now take over ESP research as a wonderful new achievement of "science", which will explain all spiritistic happenings and sound the knell of all spirits. An unthinkable concession, even ten years back - and the very last inference which ESP investigators would want to make.

This appears to be only one more popgun blast in the barrage which is being laid down against spiritism, a confession of growing panic, and exactly the kind of shiftiness and fog-puffing which <u>might</u> have been sponsored by the American Medical Association, or by powerful religious organizations which need not be named. The smug and stuffy scientism of various "learned" societies and university departments, will also find this broadcasted blat very tasty indeed. When religious and scientific bigotry lie down togather, the lamb-and-lion partnership is no news at all.

We don't know, for a certainty, what special and time-serving interests sponsored this broadcast. We only add that it ended with the flat statement "all seances are trickery." Only an ignoramus or a deliberate liar could make that assertion.

We recommend (if you are interested...

The works of Lodge and Crookes, founders of modern physics; Charles Richet, greatest physiologist of France; A.R.Wallace, co-worker with Darwin; J.Maxwell, M.D.Deputy Attorney-General, Bordeaux, France; Camille Flammarion, astronomer; W.J.Crawford,D.Sc., Professor of Engineering, Belfast; Frank Podmore, M.A.of Oxford; Dr. Paul Joire (Paris); Professor Bozzano (Italy); Professor Ochorowitz, (Philosophy, Lemburg); Professor Lombroso, Dr.Gustave Geley, Professor Eugene Osty, Baron Schrenck-von-Notzing (all of international reputation). James Hyslop, Ph.D. (Logic and Ethics, Columbia); Dr.Richard Hodgson (Cambridge); Dr.A.de Rochas (Paris); Stanley de Brath (Engineer). Among literary men, F.W.H.Myers (distinguished scholar), Wm.T. Stead; Claude Bragdon; Walter F. Prince; T.J.Hudson,Ph.D.;L.Chevreuil (1919 prize, French Academy of Sciences, for best summary on "On Ne Meurt Pas"); Hamlin Garland. We recommend Sir Wm.Barrett, and Balfour Stewart; Alexis Carrel, Edington, Jeans, Gerald Heard, Harold Cross, Hereward Carrington, Manley P.Hall, Nandor Fodor, Gardner Murphy, Thos. Sugrue... The historian Egon Friedell; biologist Hans Driesch; world-famous psychologist C.G.Jung; Professors Thompson, Schroedinger, Max Planck, A.H.Compton, Bernard Jaffe; the Prince de Broglie, H.H.Lewis (historian of science); Merrell-Wolff, PhD., I.Regardie, Ph.D. Philip Haley, D.Sc., S.E.White, Harry Price, A.T.Baird, Dion Fortune - these and some hundreds more, if you "really" want to understand the backgrounds of Illuminism - P.Research, spiritism, occultism, parapsychology!

- TELEPATHY -
(Involuntary transmission)

We present data from an amateur telepathic experiment, not planned for scientific purposes - so that the record is poorly put together. Nevertheless, we believe it is unusual and highly suggestive, with respect to unintentional transmission, along with failure of the message intended.

Participants. Mark Probert, in San Diego. Harry Probert his brother, in Los Angeles (125 mi.). (Mark P. is psychic and mediumistic; Harry P. has no such tendencies).

Oct.29.'46. 7.00-7.15 p.m. H.P. receiving:

A big red rose (b) large feet (c) a broken phonograph record (d) the words "red-red-red" (e) the colour red.

Comment by M.P. (sending): I did not try to send any of these items; however - with regard to (b) I visualized Harry as lying on a couch with his feet up, and myself as whispering in his ear. This is a familiar position for him and his feet stick up conspicuously. As to (c). I was in a restaurant while trying to transmit to Harry, and there was a cracked record in the "juke" box which annoyed me. (d), (e), and the red rose do not click except with the fact that there was a pink-colored newspaper on the table, and I was looking at it but not trying to send it.

7.15-7.30. H.P.sending: (a) a beam of light (b) a large police dog. Comment by M.P. (receiving): A strong impulse to look at a light bulb. I decided to send it as an item. As to (b), on the afternoon of the 29th I saw a large police dog standing by a store, but I did not receive any idea or image of a dog from Harry, so this was probably coincidence.

Oct. 30, '46. 7.15 - 7.30. H.P. receiving.
(a) eating a sandwich (b) a bald-headed man in a blue suit (c) whisky, laughter (d) the word Cordova (e) the words "a fashionable affair".
Comment by Mark P. (sending). Was not trying to transmit any of this. As to (a), I was eating a sandwich (b) a bald-headed man in a blue suit sat next to me in the cafe. (c) There was laughter but I did not see any whisky (d) "Cordova" for some unknown reason has becoming into my mind of late, but I did not try to send it. As to (e), the pink-covered paper I spoke of was open part of the time at the society page.
During 15 min.of attempted transmission, H.P. "concentrated very hard" on the Queen of Spades and the Jack of Diamonds. Nothing at all was received by Mark P. He is convinced that concentration prevents telepathic communication.

Oct.31. Neither Mark P. nor H.P. either sent or tried to receive anything, tho neither knew that the other would not make the attempt.

Nov.1. 7:00-7.15 p.m. H.P. Receiving. (a) black dot with red circle (b) a feeling that Mark P. is "very tired". (c) something about a light or a light bulb (d) "You are speaking to a heavy-set man wearing a white shirt, no coat, black of blue tie (e) "You are asking me to send clippings. The last two items were very clear. Comment by Mark P. 'I was not trying to send any of these items except the one one about the clippings. I have no connection for item (a). As to (c), there had been a small fire in an office and I had been looking at the results of it. As to (d), yes. I was talking to a big man, blue eyes, white shirt, no coat."(Erratum); "I made a mistake, I did try to send the idea that I was very tired- as well as about the clippings."

7:15-7.30. H.P. sending. (a) "A letter from Bob (b) "Your nephew Richard (c) the number 757."While sending I felt that you were interrupted."

Comment by Mark P. (a) Idea of the letter clearly received. Item (b) and (c) not received, but it is true that I was interrupted, by waitress.

Nov.2. H.P. receiving. 7:00 p.m. (a) you broke a pencil (b) apple on table or desk near you - table seems nigh. (c) You were interrupted.

Comment by Mark P. As to (a) I brok a pencil several times while making a sketch (b) No apple, but was drawing circles. Maybe the fact that I was measuring had something to do with the "high" idea.

H.P. sending, 7:15 p.m. (a) A bright new white hair comb (b) laundry on the line blowing in the wind. "I feel I am not reaching you".

Comment by Mark P. As to (a) On thursday a girl sitting for her portrait gave me a white hair comb. (b) On Sunday Nov.3 a hot water pipe burst overhead, all the bedding got wet and I had to put it on the line to dry."(The afternoon was windy. Ed.)

This last item looks like precognition.

Mark P. did not keep close record of what he actually tried to send, after discovering that very little of it was getting thorugh. And yet a long list of happenings and objects in his environment were being received - so clear that H.P. actually tried to transmit them back to Mark P.,thinking they were his own invention. The large feet, the broken record, the red colour, the sandwich, the bald-headed man in his blue suit, the society page, the coatless man with the white shirt, the broken pencil, the various interruptions, the light bulb, the "letter from Bob", the comb, the laundry, the wind - these should certainly take the phenomena outside the reach of coincidence. (To this we add (a) a leaf from a torn book - checks with front page torn out of telephone book, with addresses on it, and (b)"two men friends around you"- which was correct)... With due regard for the mass of skilled work done on this subject, we still ask the attention of experts to this extraordinary record of involuntary transmission, along with failure of most of the purposeful efforts to transmit, and to the time range covered by the material. Does not this indicate the necessity of reorganizing experimental work in telepathy?

Vox Clamantis in Deserto:
Dirigite Viam Domini!

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We are in receipt, from C.H.K. of Chicago, of a series of alarm-predictions. We have at present no information about Mr.K, and we cannot print in full the six pages he sends us. His letter, however, is obviously the product of an educated mind, and displays both the dedication and the detachment of the Adept. We summarize without comment pro or contra:

> Within the next four years there will be terrestial cataclysms of the first magnitude, but before this, other unhappy events will occur. Industrial strife and civil war. Russia will attack the United States, but the war will be short by reason of the earth change. There will be long continued earthquakes of great violence, three days and nights of darkness, and the jarring impact of a great meteor. The center of gravity of this planet will be changed, and the sun and moon will also change and be increased in brightness. Rivers and mountains and climates will change, vast areas will be submerged. Though this country will remain intact, or nearly so, few of its people will survive - nor will there be many left in other lands that may still survive. The New Cycle will begin with America as the mother land of the Sixth Race.
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> To come to these matters in more detail: England, most of Scotland, France, Yugoslavia, Turkey, Hungary, Norway, Spain, Argentina, Japan, part of Italy, part of India, part of Africa, and the greater part of Russia will become sea bottoms.
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> Florida will be submerged. The area of New York City will be destroyed by a tidal wave, then sink into the opening earth. The eastern part of Chicago, and Lake Michigan, will will also be engulfed. The San Francisco area will suffer from one of the forerunning quakes. All large communities will be but a memory in the book of Time. The seas will sweep over the coastal regions, then recede far beyond the old shores, and new lands will appear. The climate of the poles will become warm. People who chance to be on safe ground will not remain conscious, but will fall into a stupor for the dnration of the change... But the new era will be one of peace, brotherhood, and undreamed-of achievements.
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> "This prophecy is not based upon guessing, but upon the power of seership, of spiritual cognition...Let him who so desires reject its reality. I ask no man to believe that which he does not want to believe, for that would contravene the Universal Law."

Those who desire may obtain the full text of these forecasts by sending a stamped and addressed envelop to C.H.Kramer, 4102 No.Kostner Ave.,Chicago 41, Ill. We understand Mr.Kramer's only object is to spread this information. Authentic information concerning Mr.Kramer will be welcomed by the Round Robin Editor.

VARIORUM

Bell Witch: Mrs E.F.Granam (Ruidoso, N.M.) sends a clip from Your Mind magazine retelling the story of the Bell Witch. This article describes the entity as the spirit of a local witch or wise woman, and the author asserts that he has devoted much research to the subject. But his 'explanation' is worthless if the tale as told in "The Bell Witch" (Chas.Bailey Bell, M.D. 1934. 228 pp) is trust - worthy, as we believe it is... The word witch is a misnomer; the entity was invisible, powerful, capable of physical violence, utterly vicious and cruel at times (it murdered John Bell in the end), on other occas- ions very wise, gentle, protective, and philosophical. It spoke con- stantly with all manner of people, was never seen (so far as is certain- ly known), and committed a thousand outrages. Self-styled scientists, investigators, occultists, religionists, sceptics by the thousand, came to lay the ghost or to mock at a great swindle; without exception they retired in confusion and defeat. No one could come to grips with the thing. It appeared some time in the 1790's at the Bell home in Tennes- see; remained four years; disappeared and returned as promised after seven years, promised to return again after 107 years.

The first half of the 19th century was characterized in Tennessee particularly, by an extraordinary uprush of psychism and supernormal happenings. The Chatanooga public library has a remarkably fine collec- tion of works dealing with this subject.

It is quite impossible to offer here any resume of the story of the Bell Witch, and even more useless to attempt any interpretation or worthwhile comment. To talk about this as poltergeist phenomena does not help in the least. The whole affair seems to fall outside any of the familiar categories of occult studies. Precisely for this reason, it is to us appalling. The basic problem, of course, is not the physi- cal happenings; it is the appearance on this earth scene of a powerful and often vicious entity, with which, apparently, there was no Power of earth or heaven capable of dealing, for which philosophy and relig- ion have no syllable of explanation, and concerning which occultism is, so far as we know, equally silent. The data are voluminous and widely known - and they fit into no hypothesis.

This Round Robin bulletin includes among its readers (we are proud to say) some three or four to whom we fully accord the powers of various grades of the Adepti, and also others who are deeply learned in occult and psychic studies (Illuminism). Perhaps some of these (if fully acquainted with the facts involved) will comment for us upon this hundred-year-old mystery, the mere existence and possibility of which is a menace to our world and a mockery to the fumblings of human in - telligence.

Wanted: Time, Money, and intelligence. We have cries of anguish from readers, some of whom "can hardly stand it" not to see for themselves, or at have "a complete review and synopsis" of the "True Relation" which was described in last RR - now repos- ing inaccessibly in the library of the Theosophical University. "Inac- cessibly", because even for this Editor, there is a 200 mile trip, a week of work and considerable expense involved in such a review - and a whole issue of RR to print it. It's a hundred-dollar job, in short - and while Robins have bills, they are not of the $100 variety.

'Spirit of Heath or goblin'.. Tricksy Trolls are credited or blamed for interrupting Saturday night dances in Georgetown, a Colorado mining community - tugging skirts, untieing shoes, and rocking a chair all evening. Old-timers dug up the troll lore of a nearby mine, fire-starting, dog-pestering, clothespin loosening, huffing and puffing down chimneys and the like; say they have seen the small folk dancing on the pine-clad slopes on moony nights. What to do? Well, Georgetown folk give the trolls a share in their dance time, play music for them, and so all goes well. (Toledo Blade, Sept.26. Clip from Victor Nold, Montpelier, O.)

Black Mass in Milan? "For at least the 15th time in five years, consecrated Hosts have been stolen from a church near Milan Authorities believe such thefts occur frequently without being reported." And the Archbishop told the press 'there are individuals and organized groups trying to get consecrated Hosts, which they use for unmentionable purposes.. the sect of Judas the traitor is at work, all the more repulsive because boys are defiled. ' Time for August 5 printed this, and the ever-sapient commentator describes the Black Mass as "pseudo-liturgical mumbo-jumbo, having as basic ingredients a consecrated Host, an apostate priest, a prostitute and a virgin.' Seabrook's Witchcraft gives a fair description of a black mass - but, as usual, without much grasp of the rationale of this performance - and there really is one. (Clip from Mrs H.L., Mass.)

Ghost of Antigonish still weeps and wails, goes chop-chunk-chop with an invisible axe, till an unseen tree falls with an audible whoosh. All this is near Caledonia Mills, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia. But there's a long long story back of this, and the tree chopping isn't a tenth of it - fires started, and fire balls, and people getting slapped, and whacked with horsewhips, and knocks and steps and poltergeistiana generally (pax to the purists). Dr.Walter Franklin Prince went out there once, came back with the story that one 18-yr.-old Mary Ellen M. did everything with her own fair hands - one of more-than-one Reports which reflect less than credit on a truly distinguished investigator. (Two-column clip from Boston Globe, 8/26; kindness of Mrs.H.L.)

Ca et La: Appalling case of necrophilia in Turkey; man of 35 who molested five newly buried bodies of young women; sapiently reported by the press as a case of "vampirism." (Cin. Times)... Harvard ethnologist, hexed by a witch doctor, has to hire another one to unhex him (Tampa Tribune)... Weird storm of unprecedented violence over all Eire, lasting 36 hrs., attributed to atom bomb (Boston Globe) ... Four hour cloudburst described as "terrible" over York, Me. (North'mpt'n Gazette, Mass.)... British Magazine (30 Rockefellar Plaza, N.Y.) for May, had an article called Stalking a Witch Doctor. Crooked leg bones of a boy were softened, straightened, hardened again in a few hours, boy was cured... Also, same magazine, has "Man With a Stick", old man in Australia who located submarines 30-40 miles away, with a divining rod only.

Dr.Nandor Fodor is explaining strange experiences in Digest and Review (686 Broadway, N.Y.12). As to the poltergeist case in Houston, Dr.Fodor's explanation consists in admitting that such things are great

mysteries, which is exactly what any honest and competent scientist should and would say. Only, when Dr.Fodor talks, as he often does, about repressed hates and memories acting like haunts or poltergeister, we wish he would elaborate a bit. ... In Sept. Mind Digest, Ural R. Murphy, Ph.D.,D.D., tells of a little chat he had with Thomas Troward, deceased metaphysician, who came to visit him in "an immense ray of fadeless light". But Dr. Murphy (Ph.D.) doesn't really expect to be believed, feels he is going contrary to "the great preponderance of human opinion" (!?!)... American Scientist, 34-2, graphs new types of earth motin from atom bomb test. There's also a depressing article giving an optimistic view of the "Aim and Progress of Psychology, " by J.R.Kantor.

Federation News, issued as a supplement to Chimes, (Brea,Calif.) prints details and full text of the brief for the defense, in the case of the State of Nebraska vs Rev.Lionel Everman, pastor of the First Spiritualist Church, accused of violating the Lincoln ordinance by 'revealing or pretending to reveal' um-um-um etc. Victory of the Rev. Everman was complete, rout of the Philistines very great, and Chimes has done a good and worthy deed in publicising it.

Theosophical Forum (Covina, Calif.) as usual is filled with excellent and well-written material which no student of occult matters can afford to miss.... Spiritual Digest (55 State Rd.Hampton Manor, Rensselaer, N.Y.) also has remarkably good material... RR acknowledges East-West, Golden Rays, Psychic Review (World Service), National Spiritualist, Psychic Observer, Western Spiritualist, Chimes, Kosmon Pioneer, Sunflower, Psychonalyst, A.R.E. Bulletins, New Age Interpreter.... Also Walter Graham's new STAR, a scientific quarterly with a liberal viewpoint... and, too late to review this time, a pamphlet on Atlantis by Dr.Charles J.Ryan, another on the Golden Fleece and the Apron, by Dr.Nandor Fodor, and the book on Mediumship by Rev.Robt. G. Chaney.

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